Hints on

WHAT TO READ.

The Greatest Blessing of a Nation Is an Elevated Literature; Its Greatest Curse, an Im-

pure Literature.

Dr. Talmage, who has been spending a few days in St. Petersburg, sends the following report of a discourse which will be helpful to those who have an appetite for literature and would like some rules to guide them in the selection of books and newspapers; text, Acts xix, 19, "Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together and burned them before all men, and they counted the price of them and found it 50,000

pieces of silver." Paul had been stirring up Ephesus with some lively sermons about the sins of that place. Among the more important results was the fact that the citizens brought out their bad books and in a public place made a bonfire of them. I see the people coming out with their arms full of Ephesian literature and tossing it into the flames. I hear an economist who is standing by saying: "Stop this waste. Here are \$7,500 worth of books. Do you propose to burn them all up? If you don't want to read them yourselves, sell them and let somebody else read them.' "No," said the people; "if these books are not good for us, they are not good for anybody else, and we shall stand and watch until the last leaf has burned to ashes. They have done us a world harm." Hear the flames crackle and

roar! of the cities is a great bonfire of bad books and newspapers. We have fuel enough to make a blaze 200 feet high. Many of the publishing houses would do well to throw into the blaze their insufferable trash and put it into the fire and let it be known in the presence topping and underlying curse of profligate literature.

The printing press is the mightiest agency on earth for good and for evil. a pulpit, has a responsible position, but I do not think it is as responsible as the position of an editor or a publisher. At what distant point of time, at what Horsce Greeley, or a James Gordon Erastus Brooks, or a Thomas Kinsella? | ing wandered through a romance all Take the overwhelming statistics of the night long in tessellated halls of circulation of the daily and weekly castles. And your industrious comhow far up and how far down and how ever, now that you have walked in the far out reach the influences of the romance through parks with plumed American printing press.

What is to be the issue of all this? I believe the Lord intends the printing press to be the chief means for the world's rescue and evangelization, and I think that the great last battle of the world will not be fought with swords and guns, but with types and presses, a purified and gospel literature triumphing over, trampling down and crushing out forever that which is depraved. The only way to overcome unclean literature is by scattering abroad that which is healthful. May God speed the cylinders of an honest, intelligent, aggressive. Christian printing press.

is that of an elevated literature, and the greatest scourge has been that of asylums and penitentiaries and almshouses and dens of shame. The bodies of this infection lie in the hospitals being tossed over into a lost eternity, an avalanche of horror and despair! The London plague was nothing to it. That counted its victims by thousands, but this modern rest has already shoveled its millions into the charnel house of the morally dead. The longest rail train that ever ran over the tracks was not long enough or large enough to carry the beastliness and the putreface tion which have been gathered up in bad books and newspapers in the last

Now, it is amid such circumstances that I put a question of overmastering importance to you and your families. What books and newspapers shall we read? You see I group them together. A newspaper is only a book in a swifter and more portable shape, and the same rules which will apply to book reading will apply to newspaper reading. What shall we read? Shall our minds be the receptacle of everything that an author has a mind to write? Shall there be no distinction between the tree of life and the tree of death? Shall we stoop down and drink out of the trough which the wickedness of men has filled with pollution and shame? Shall we mire in impurity and chase fantastic will-o'the-wisps across the swamps, when we might walk in the blooming gardens of God? Oh. no! For the sake of our present and everlasting welfare we must make an intelligent and Christian

Standing, as we do, chin deep in fictitious literature, the question that the life. But I have still further to say that I believe that 75 out of the 100 novels in this day are baleful and destructive to the last degree. A pure work of fiction is history and poetry combined. It is a history of things around us with the licenses and the assumed names of poetry. The world can never pay the debt which it owes to McKenzie and Landon and Hunt and | battle against a depraved literature. Arthur and others whose names are

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with other books, cannot help but be Ye authors who write them, ye publishennobling and purifying; but, alas, for ers who print them, ye booksellers The Noted Divine Gives Practical that has come in the shape of novels, pieces, if not by an aroused communilike a freshet overflowing all the banks | ty, then at last by the hail of divine of decency and common sense! They are coming from some of the most celebrated publishing houses. They are coming with recommendation of some | may escape in this world, you will be of our religious newspapers. They lie on your center table to curse your children and blast with their infernal fires generations unborn. You find these books in the desk of the school miss, in the trunk of the young man, in the steamboat cabin, on the table of the to pour hotter coals of fury upon your hotel reception room. You see a light in your child's room late at night. You cry of your pain. and the howl of your suddenly go in and say, "What are you damnation. 'God shall wound the suddenly go in and say, "What are you damnation. doing?" "I am reading." What are hairy scalp you reading?" "A book." You look trespasses." at the book. It is a bad book. "Where did you get it?" I borrowed it." Alas, there are always those abroad who would like to loan your son or daugh ter a bad book! Everywhere, everywhere, an unclean literature. I charge upon it the destruction of 10,000 im-

mortal souls, and I bid you wake up to the magnitude of the evil. I shall take all the world's literature -good novels and bad, travels true and false, histories faithful and incorrect, legends beautiful and monstrous, all tracts, all chronicles, all poems, all family, city, state and national librariesand pile them up in a pyramid of literature, and then I shall bring to bear upon it some grand, glorious, infaiiible, unmistakable Christian principles. God help me to speak with reference to my last account and help you to listen.

I charge you in the first place to stand aloof from all books that give false pictures of life. Life is neither a tragedy nor a farce. Men are not all either knaves or heroes. Women are neither angels nor furies. And yet if you depended upon much of the literature of the day you would get idea that life-instead of being something earnest, something practical, is a fitful and fantastic of harm, and they shall never do others and extravagant thing. How poorly prepared are that young man and woman for the duties of today who spent last Well, my friends, one of the wants | night wading through brilliant passages descriptive of magnificent knavery and wickedness! The man will be looking all day long for his heroine in the office, by the forge in the factory, in the counting room, and he will entire stock of goods. Bring forth the find her, and he will be dissatisfied. A man who gives himself up to the indiscriminate reading of novels will be of God and angels and men that you perveless, inane and a nuisance. He are going to rid your homes of the over- | will be fit neither for the store, nor the shop, nor the field. A woman who gives herself up to the indiscriminate reading of novels will be unfitted for the duties of wife, mother, sister, The minister of the gospel, standing in | daughter. There she is, hair disheveled, countenance vacant, cheeks pale, hands trembling, bursting into tears at midnight over the fate of some unfortunate lover, in the daytime, when she farout cycle of eternity, will cease the influence of a Henry J. Raymond, or a hour at nothing, biting her finger nails into the quick. The carpet that was Bennett, or a Watson Webb, or an plain before will be plainer after hav-

that one infidel book killed him for two newspapers and then cipher if you can | panions will be more unattractive than | worlds. princesses or lounged in the arbor with the polished desperado. Oh, these confirmed novel readers! They are unfitted for this life, which is a tremendous discipline. They know not how to go through the furnaces of trial through which they must pass, and they are unfitted for a world where everything we gain we achieve by hard and long continuing work. Again, abstain from all those books

which, while they have good things, have also an admixture of evil. You have read books that had two elements in them-the good and the bad. Which stuck to you? The I have to tell you that the greatest bad! The heart of most people is like blessing that ever came to the nations a sieve, which lets the small particles of gold fall through, but keeps the great cinders. Once in awhile there is unclean literature. This last has its a mind like a loadstone which, plunged victims in all occupations and depart- amid steel and brass fillings, gathers up ments. It has helped to fill insane the steel and repels the brass. But it is generally exactly the opposite. If you attempt to plunge through a hedge of burs to get one blackberry, you will and in the graves, while their souls are get more burs instead. You cannot afford to read a bad book, however good you are. You say, "The influence is insignificant." I tell you that the scratch of a pin has sometimes produced lockjaw. Alas, if through curiosity, as many do, you pry into an evil book, your curiosity is as dangerous as that of the man who would take a torch into a gunpowder mill merely to see whether it would really blow up or not.
In a menagerie in Yew York a man

put his arm through the bars of a black leopard's cage. The animal's hide looked so sleek and bright and beautiful. He just stroked it once. The monster seized him, and he drew forth a hand torn and mangled and bleeding. Oh, touch not evil, even with the faintest stroke! Though it may be glossy and beautiful, touch it not, lest you pull forth your soul torn and bleeding under the clutch of the leopard. "But," you say, "how can I find out whether a book is good or bad without reading it? 'There is always something suspicious about a bad book. I never knew an exception-something suspicious in the index or style of illustration. This venomous reptile always carries a warning rattle.

Again, I charge you to stand off from all those books which corrupt the imagination and inflame the passions. I do not refer now to that kind of book which the villain has under his coat waiting for the school to get out, and then, looking both ways to see that there is no policeman around the block. offers the book to your son on his way young people are asking is, "Shall we read novels?" I reply, There are novels that are pure, good, Christian, elevating to the heart and ennobling to and with acute plot sounds the tocsin that rouses up all the baser passions of the soul. Today, under the nostrils of the people, there is a fetid, recking, unwashed literature, enough to poison all the fountains of public virtue and smite your sons and daughters as with the wing of a destroying angel, and it is time that the ministers of the gospel blew the trumpet and rallied the forces such writers of fiction as Hawthorne and of righteousness, all armed to this great

Again, abstain from those books familiar to all. The follies of high life | which are apologetic of crime. It is a were never better exposed than by Miss sad thing that some of the best and Edgeworth. The memories of the past most beautiful bookbindery and some were never more faithfully embalmed of the finest rhetoric have been brought than in the writings of Walter Scott. to make sin attractive. Vice is a hor-Coopers's novels are healtfully redolent rible thing anyhow. It is born in the world and led a great many to ap- | thunders of God's wrath pursue it across preciate the poetry of sound health, a boundless desert, beating it with ruin strong muscles and fresh air. Thack- and wee. When you come to paint eray did a grand work in caricaturing carnality, do not paint it as looking the pretenders to gentility and high from behind embroidered curtains or blood. Dickens has built his own through lattice of royal seraglio, but days and full of trouble. He goeth out monument in his books, which are a as writhing in the agonies of a city hos- in the morning in all his glory and by the convention in accordance with to very good. plea for the poor and the anathema of pital. Cursed be the books that try to strength, thinking that he is the only the recent act of the legislature are as injustice, and there are a score of novelistic pens today doing mighty work for tive and hypocrisy noble! Cursed be falleth into politics and in the morning D. Starling of Columbia, and W. E. cases promises a good yield, while in

right times and read in right proportion of the young people which with villainy the loathsome and impure literature | who distribute them, shall be cut to vengeance, which shall sweep to the lowest pit of perdition all ye murder ers of souls. I tell you, though you ground at last under the hoof of eternal calamities, and you will be chained to the rock, and you will have the vultures of despair clawing at your soul, and those whom you have destroyed will come around to torment you, and head, and rejoice eternally in the outhairy scalp of him that goeth on in his

The clock strikes midnight. A fair drops dead at its own sound. The town. sweat on her brow is the spray dashed Gray co.ts, gray hats, gray beards up from the river of death. The clock tell of their owners' sacrifices for the the pale form that looks like a detained there is such a vast ocean in which you | 29 years ago. may voyage, all sail set?

Cherish good tooks and newspapers.

Beware of bad ones. The assassin of Lord Russell declared that he was led men of the south may once have been to into crime by reading one vivid ro- conqured but the women are always mance. The consecrated John Angell | conquerors and so it is in Greenwood. duced a better man, declared in his old ated but there are lots of them here. age that he had never yet got over the The lovely little Hotel Oregon is deevil effects of having for 15 minutes devoted almost entirely to their use once read a bad book. But I need not and everybody else in town is at their go so far off. I could tell you of a com-rade who was great hearted, noble and veterans is Miss Louise McFadden of generous. He was studying for an Chester, and for the Sons of Veterans fidel book in his trunk, and he said to of Anderson. Then there are sponsors me one day, "De Witt, would you like for the brigades and for the camps and to read it?" I said, "Yes, I would." maids of honor galore. I took the book and read it only for a few minutes. I was really startled with what Isaw there, and I handed the book back to him and said, "You had better destroy that book." No, he kept it. He read it. He reread it. After awhile he gave up religion as a myth. He gave up God as a nonentity. He gave up the Bible as a fable. He gave up the church of Christ as a useless institution. He gave up good morals as being unnecessarily stringent. have heard of him but twice in many years. The time before the last I heard of him he was a confirmed inebriate. The last I heard of him he was coming out of an insane asylum-in body, mind and soul an awful wreck. I believe

is anything in your home that cannot | the Confederacy. stand the test do not give it away. for A telegram was read from Wade it, and the bonefire in your city shall

be as consuming as that one in Ephesus. The Sons of Veterans. The Sons of Confederate Veterans met in Greenwood on Wednesday at the court house, where a large crowd of ladies and veterans had gathered with the Sons. The commander of the local camp-Camp James M. Perrin-Mr. David Aiken, callefi the assembly to order, and after prayer by Rev. R. G. McLees Mr. Aiken ictroduced Mr. F. B. Grier of Camp Periin, who extended a welcome on behalf of his camp. Mr. Grier's speech was eloquent and pat rictic, and he was requently interrupted by applause. He lauded the Confederate soldier and his deeds and aroused the emotions of his hearers to a pitch. At the conclusion of Mr. Grier's speech Mr. Aiken introduced Mr. Francis H. Weston, division commander of the Sons of Veterans for South Carolina, who responded very gracefully to the words of welcome and went on to make an earnest, solid, argument for the truthful perpetuation of history. At the conclusion of Mr. Weston's speech Gen. M. L. Bonham was called for and responded in one of his happy little talks, full of fervent patriotism. There were then calls for Mr. Geo. E. Prince, who responded very neatly, touching upon the matter of partisan histories, which is the question most prominently before both the veterans and the Sous

The business meeting of the Sons of

The roll was then called and the camps responded by the presentation of the oredentials. There were many camps who had delegates in town but Laurens, Commander T. B. Crews. there are so many sponsors here that | Col. Todd was its last bearer. It was the Sons could not make up their minds | never captured.

to devote themselves to business. The question which is agitating both the organizations is that of fair text books and the delegates discussed this very fully, the discussion being opened by Mr. Weston.

The adjutant read a letter from Col. W. F. Jones, chairman of the historical committee of the U.S. C. V.

On motion of Gen. Bonham the South Carolina division pledged itself to raise its quota of any amount that might be necessary for the employment of a competent man to prosecute this work erans are registered, and it is therefore of securing fair histories.

This question was further discussed by Comrades Bonham and Prince and a resolution was also adopted commending the work of Col. Jones. A committee was appointed to make

arrangements for a presentation of the sponsors and they reported 4 o'clock as the hour set. The election of division commander

was next entered into and by acclamation Mr. W. H. Huntt of Greenwood was elected. Mr. Weston declined to serve another term

convention adjourned. No Pebble at All.

The Cedartown, Ga, Advance says: "Man that is born of woman is of few islature on the subject of pensions. opening will not be general for some A. B. C. Dorsey.

Ithe books that swarm with libertines and desperadoes, who make the brain the beach at all."

A. B. C. Dorsey.

Ithe morning of Columbia, and W. E. James of Palmetto, Darlington county. The committee on text books Col.

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Ithe beach at all."

A. B. C. Dorsey.

P. S.—I am using it now myself. It's doing me good.—Sold by The Murray Drug Co., Columbia, S. C., and all desperadoes, who make the brain the beach at all."

Gathered by Thousands in Hospitable Greenwood

IN SIXTH ANNUAL REUNION.

There Are Large Numbers of Visitors in Attendance, and the Little City is Crowded.

Greenwood was gay and festive last week. There were veterans there by the hundred and sponso's by the score form bends over a romance. The eyes | with just enough sons to make interflash fire. The breath is quick and ir- esting for the sponsors. Tuesday regular. Occasionally the color dashes afternoon the trains poured people into to the cheek and then dies out. The this busy little town and Wednesday the hands tremble as though a guardian throng has been coming in a steady spirit were trying to shake the deadly stream. Greenwood is something of a book out of the grasp. Hot tears fall. railroad centre and every train has She laughs with a shrill voice that dumped its load into the already filled

strikes 4, and the rosy dawn soon after country they loved and the veterans do begins to look through the lattice upon | little but talk with each other of the latter and the marches with Lee and specter of the night. Soon in a mad- Johnson and Jackson and Hampton. house she will mistake her ricglets for | The veterans' convention, as usual, is curling serpents and thrust her white a side issue. These old soldiers have hand through the bars of the prison enough of business every day and on and smite her head, rubbing it back as such occasions as this they prefer to though to rush the scalp from the skull, | deal in reminiscences, renewing old ac shricking; 'My brain! My brain!' Oh, quaintances and grasping the hands of stand off from that! Why will you go the comrades with whom they kept step sounding your way amid the reefs when | and with whom they messed and slept

The sponsors-who say ought but mention that they are here? Victors by right, they are victors in fact. The James, than whom England never pro- | The sponsors have not been enumerhonorable profession, but he had an in- the division sponsor is Miss Mary Orr

The veterans' convention was opened Wednesday morning in the court house, Senator C. A. Waller presented the Rev. J. S. Jordan of Phoenix, who pened the meeting with a most apropriate appeal to the God of Battles. Then come a very interesting address of welcome on behalt of the town of Greenwood by Mayor DuPre, who paid high tribate to the soldiers of the Confedercy and extended the survivors a warm welcome on behalf of this thriving little city. Mr. David Aiken, comuander of Camp James M. Perrin, Sons of Veterans, welcomed the visitors in the name of his organization and Senator Waller in behalf of Camp D. Wyatt Aiken, U. C. V.

commander, then responded for the usual. Go home today and look through your | veterans in one of the happiest speeches library, and then, having looked through he has ever made on any occasion. your library, look on the stand where After these preliminary exercises there you keep your pictorials and newspa- was read the annual memorial tribute pers and apply the Christian principles | to the com-ades who have died since have laid down this hour. If there the last reunion and to the women of

it might spoil an immortal soul; do not | Hampton, expressing his regret at besell it, for the money you get would be | ing unable to come. The mention of the price of blood; but ather kindle a the name of Hampton set the old solfire on your kitchen hearth or in your diers wild and they cheered to the back yard and then drop the poison in echo. On motion, it was ordered that a response be sent to Gen. Hampton telling him that he still occupies the first place in the hearts of his com-

A letter was read from Capt. George Lake, now living in Louisville, expressing his regrets and a suitable response was ordered sent to Capt. Lake who is a prime favorite with his comrades.

Next came the roll call of camps, a duty performed by Col. Jas. G. Holmes, division adjutant, in his usual graceful

Dr. B. H. Teague presented the report of the committee on the Confederate abbey, which showed that the offerr of Charles Broadway Rouss has been met and the \$100,000 for the ab bey is now available.
On motion of Col. Iredell Jones, a

committee of three was ordered appointed to memorialize the legislature for the creation of the office of commissioner of pensions. A committee of the same number

was appointed to report on the subject of text books, and just at this point Hon, O. L. Schumpert of Newberry made a ringing speech in support of the plea for fair histories. After this the convention adjourned

and the veterans wandered off in search of something to eat. The hotels here are small, and most of the visitors are quartered at private homes. The houses and stores are decorated with flags and veterans was called to order at 10 | bunning, but northern extremists could o'clock Thursday morning by the divi- not take exception to the decorations. sion commander, F. H. Weston, who for the S.ar Spangled Banner and the made an eloquent appeal for greater in- red, white and blue are a great deal terest in the order and its important | more in evidence than the Stars and Bars and the red, white and red.

The flag of the Third South Carolina regiment, tattered and torn, is here in the custody of Camp Garlington of

The flag of the Palmetto Sharpshoot ers, representing the upper counties of South Carolina. This flag was carried through the Seven Days' fight, the battle of Frazier's farm, the second battle of Manassas, at Antietam, and was shot through at Boonesburg. It was surrendered at Appomattox and brought home.

It is estimated that there were at least 8,000 or 10,000 visitors in town Wednesday, besides many from the surrounding country. Over 1,000 vetlikely that there are more than 1,200 here. There are the same number of Sons, though not all are connected with the organization. The number of sponsors is estimated at from 300 to 500, the flower of South Carolica

womanhood. Two old flags were presented to the convention, one of them being that of the Seventh regiment, which went from this section and the colonel of which was D. Wyatt Aiken, the lieutenant colonel being Elbert Bland. Messrs. W. L. Durst and C. A. C. Waller of Green-

Coward made the report requesting the State board of education to adopt only southern books by southern authors

and southern publishing houses. This without dissent. The election of officers was next in order and Gen. Carwile nominated Gen. C. Irvine Walker for re-election as major general of the South Carolina

division. Gen. Walker thanked the veterans for the honor in a most happy little speech. The two brigade commanders were also elected by acclamation, Col. Asbury Coward of Charleston of the First brigade and Gen. T. W. Carwile of the

Second brigade. There are various estimates of the number in attendance, but Col. Holmes states that out of the 120 camps in this State fully, two-thirds, or about 80, were represented at this reunion This is much better than was expected, and speaks well for the organization, which seems to take on new life as its members grow old,

The homes of these good people have been open to the visitors and the great majority have been entertained free of cost and have had the most abundant hospitality shown them. I cannot now give the committees who are responsible for all that has been done in that and other lines to make the occasion pleasant but I would like to name each one and to denominate each one as a most royal host.

The veterans' convention having adourned shortly after noon, many visitors left on the afternoon trains but there are plenty yet in town to make things lively .-

Now the most interesting part of the story is to come-so far as Columbia is concerned. The reunion next year is o be held in the most progressive city in the south—the capital of the Secession State-Columbia. The vote to go to Columbia was practically unanimous, there being a few voices raised for Sumter and a few for Spartanburg.

The survivors of the Hanpton La gion met today and decided to hold a eunion annually in Columbia on Wednesday and Thursday of fair week. The first reunion is to be held this fall. P. A. Emanuel of Aiken is chairman of the committee to make arrangements for the occasion.

Jas. A. Hoyt, Jr. CONDITION OF CROPS

Resume of the Summaries for the Several States

It is an open question whether the recent generally favorable weather has caused cotton to recover in condition what it lost during June. In spots it undoubtedly has done so, while on wet bottom lands in the States of Louisiana and Mississippi it has continued to deteriorate, and in these States the crop will be smaller than usual. Texas and Arkansas, and portions of the Atlantic States have average crops, but generally the crop averages low. Shedding is reported from all sections, but not more than usual to the season. Cotton is in some States opening prematurely, Gen. C. Irvine Walker, the state but generally the crop is later than

> In North Carolina cotton has revived wonderfully, and although the plants are still late and small for the season, the general abundance of blooms and free setting of fruit would indicate a good yield. Shedding and rust are reported in several counties, but not more than is usual at this period. Here and there fields of cotton on light and sandy soil were too much injured by

> the drought to recover fully. In South Carolina over a large portion of the State, with numerous exceptions, however, in the eastern-counties, cotton improved materially and now looks promising, but comparativey few sections report the crop heavily fruited. Most of the reports indicate that the plants are undersized and late, but fruiting normally, and some that they are not fruiting as they should at this season. There are a few complaints of rust and premature opening, more of shedding, and some of grassy fields, although cotton is generally laid by clean. In the western counties cultivation continues. In places cotton is blooming to the top. Sea island is still suffering from drought and blight.

> In Georgia cotton shows steady imof rust and shedding in a few counties; it is small but is fruiting pretty

In Florida reports continue unfavorable to cotton. On some old lands the are the promoters. One of them is Mr. plant has stopped growing; the bottom crop is not promising and the frequent rains are not conducive to a favorable | bought the Columbia canal. The corchange. A report from Madison county, however, states that the crop appears to have improved some during city in the State of New York; W. H. the week. Picking has commenced on uplands; the lint is light.

In Alabama cotton, as a whole, has continued to improve slowly, and is now fruiting more freely, though there are very few full grown bolls, and none are open; this staple is consider- nah river near Parksville, Eiggefield ably below the average for the season; very little shedding reported.

In Mississippi cotton has made some advancement, but is stalky, small and fruiting poorly. It is shedding quite freely in most sections because of excessive moisture.

In Louisiana cotton did not fare well during the week; there was altogether too much moisture, barring a few places in some of the northern parishes, where the crop is reported as having made fairly good progress, complaints that the plant is shedding, running to stalk, and fruiting slowly, are becoming more numerous; cotton on high and well drained lands may yet be saved by a timely change to dry and warmer weather, but on low lands crop pros pects are poor indeed. Boll worms and caterpillars are making their appearance in a few localities, and the crop continues, as a rule, badly in grass owing to the rains, which render cleaning and laying by very difficult, if not

impossible. In Tennessee cotton generally is small but growing well, some shedding of forms is reported in the western di-

In T x is cotton continues to shed in some localities. The showery weather has caused the plant to take on a very rapid growth, and consequently it is not fruiting well in many sections. Some localities report that cotton is doing exceptionally well and fruiting nicely. The crop is generally in good condition, except some fields are grassy. However, much of the crop has been worked out for the last time. The boll worm and the Mexican weevil with the breath of the seaweed and the air of the American forest. Charles air of the American forest. Charles Kingsley has smitten the morbidity of a whip of scorpions, but afterward the Kingsley has smitten the morbidity of a whip of scorpions, but afterward the Kingsley has smitten the morbidity of a whip of scorpions and to complete the succession of thanks to Greenwood to Camp Perrin, to Mr. Weston and to his adjutant were then adopted and the some very interesting remarks, and it dies howling in the dark-resolutions of thanks to Greenwood to Camp Perrin, to Mr. Weston and to his adjutant were then adopted and the some very interesting remarks, and it dies howling in the dark-resolutions of thanks to Greenwood to Camp Perrin, to Mr. Weston and to his adjutant were then adopted and the some very interesting remarks, and it dies howling in the dark-resolutions of thanks to Greenwood to Camp Perrin, to Mr. Weston and to his adjutant were then adopted and the some very interesting remarks, and it dies howling in the dark-resolutions of thanks to Greenwood to Camp Perrin, to Mr. Weston and to his adjutant were then adopted and the such reports coming from the extreme such reports coming from the extreme and then Col. Coward called for the history of these flags. rebel yell and it was given with a will. damage being done. The crop is spotted Dr. Teague presented the report of and late. Some full grown bolls over the committee to memorialize the leg- the southern portion of the State, but

time yet. The crop ranges from poor In Arkansas cotton on the higher

BY A BIG MAJORITY

was adopted without discussion and The Tar Heel Democrats Wins a Great Victory.

OLD NORTH STATE IN LINE.

Both Branches of Legislature Secure. The Amendment Goes a Whooping. The Election Quiet.

A dispatch from Charlotte says the elections in North Carolina Thursday were for governor and State officers. members of the legislature and county officers and for an amendment to the city. Those in the city had attacked State constitution looking to a practical elimination of the Negro from poli- ten days, but were repulsed every time, tics, as its adoption would disfranchise although they managed to set fire to the bulk of the Negro vote. By far a number of houses adjoining the for the greatest interest centered in the fight | eign quarters. One or two foreign was over the amendment. At Thurs- houses had already been destroyed day's election a great many Negroes | when I left the city. No decent per voted for it. The faculty of Livingstone college at | for fear of being called a foreigner by

Salisbury, one of the most prominent | the mob. Negro educational institutions in the south, voted for it. The amendment | verts who have been massacred by the was opposed by the fusion forces of Boxers inside Pekin, it was estimated Populists and Republicans, headed by when I left that over 4,000 peaceable Senators Butler and Pritchard, and the | citizens had also been slain in the melec. campaign was the most bitter waged | The streets ran with blood; it was awin the State since reconstruction days. There was a full poll of the Democratic | were filled to overflowing with Boxers strength, which, combined with a small | and Maz thu troops, which caused a Nogro vote and some Populist and Re- panic among the princes, dukes, nobles publican votes, rolled up an unpre- and members of the imperial clan and cedented majority. Returns indicate | their banner men who were afraid that that the amendment was carried by they also would be plundered as soon as over 40,000 majority. Spencer B. Adams, fusion nominee by dipl macyothey managed to clean

for governor, was defeated by Chas. both cities of their dangerous friends, B. Aycock, Demorcatic nominee, by fully 40,000 majority. All other State guards of banner men to prevent fur officers were elected by equal majori- ther ingress of outsiders. ties. The legislature is Democratic in both branches, Mecklenburg county, of which Charlotte is the county seat, gives 3,500 majority for the county ticket. The election throughout the State was generally quiet and peaceable, the Negroes, as a general thing, re-maining away from the polls.

A dispatch from Raleigh says the ors south of the Yellow river urging the election passed off quietly. A heavy white vote was polied, but the Negroes took little interest in the result, and generally remained away from the polls. great clamor arose among the other In many instances they voted the grand councillors held by Prince Tuan Democratic ticket. Every eastern and Yang Hu, who denounced Yung Lu county was carried by the Democrats, the majorities in some of them being him by their numbers. Finally in spite 3,000. Most of the central counties also are Democratic. Returns from the ager to restore order Prince Tuan and west are incomplete. The indications, however, are that the State is Democratic by 50,000 majority, the legislature three fouths Democratic and the the grand council chamber, all decorum franchise amendment adopted. At 11 and etiquette being thrown to the clock Thursday night Democratic winds. The empress dowager left the Chairman Simmons said:

"I think we have a safe majority of 50,000 and at least four-fifths of the legislature. The returns so far are most satisfactory, and no surprises. ALMOST A CLEAN SWEEPS. The Democrats rejoiced quietly all over North Carolina Friday. The re-

turns show that Democratic majorities aggregate 54,678 and fusion majorities 5,125, maying the net Democratic majority 59,553 There will be contests in several counties, there being gross irregularities in Randolph and Harnett and smaller ones in Wilkes and Chatham. In the latter county, at Congressman Atwater's preciust, the fusion stronghold, the fusionist, finding they were being out-voted assaulted the election officers, smashed the ballot boxes and burned the ballots. This is the only outrage which occurred in the oncs. Yet Danny is as sound as a dol-State, so far as known. The returns | lar and mischievous as a kitten. Probshow that to the senate there are elected 38 Democrats and 9 fusionists, with of the measles. three seats doubtful, and to the house 95 Democrats and 13 fusionists, while twelve seats are in doubt.

To Develop Savannah River. The declaration was filed in the office of the secretary of state Wednesday afternoon and a commission was issued to the Twin City Power company. This means much for the development of the New York, asking, "Is all ready?" Six water power along the Savannah river were arrested at Prato and the others in provement, but there is some complaint | and of its several tributaries in Edge- | Milan. field and Abbeville counties which has heretofore been going to waste. One million dollars is to be the capital of the company, and northern capitalists W. H. Chew, who organized the Colambia Water Power company, which porators are "Samuel Saylor, residing at 245 west 120th street, New York Chew, residing at 1855 7th avenue, New York city, in the State of New York, and D. M. Mackaye, 18 Neptune Place, New Rochelle, in the State of New York." The principal place of business is to be located on the Savancounty.

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foreigners. The gates of Pekin were

constantly opened day and night to per

mit these reininforcements to enter the

son could get anywhere near the place

"Not counting the 2,000 to 3,000 con-

ful. The Tartar and forbidden cities

the Boxers got beyond control and so

closed the gates and placed strong

"The Tartar city gates are now only

"On the 19th of June Yung Lu, who

opened a couple of hours a day to en-

able residents to purchase things from

had always advocated the suppression

of the Boxers, having received dis-

patches from the viceroys and govern

same step, thought to back up his pol-

icy by quoting the provincial dispatches

at the grand council that morning. A

as a traitor and literally overwhelmed

of the endeavors of the empress dow-

Yang Hu cried out that they would

take all the responsibility of the war

against foreigners and rushed out of

council chamber in despair and has not

been heard of since, nor has the em-

restraint of Prince Tuan's men in the

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